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FROM AMBASSADOR L. DEAN BROWN

1. AS INDICATED REFTELS, GOS HAS REBUFFED UNHCR AND TAKEN

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STEPS TO SEND VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SHIPS OUT OF PORT.

DESTINATION, NUMBER OF SHIPS AND REFUGEE POPULATION ON BOARD ARE NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME, BUT THERE ARE ESTIMATED 6000-7000. WE ANTICIPATE THE MORE SEAWORTHY WILL GO TO GUAM; OTHERS TO SUBIC; AND THE REMAINDER TO AUSTRALIA.

2. FOR US MISSION GENEVA: PLEASE APPROACH UNHCR AND ASK IF THEY WILL SEND MESSAGES TO CANBERRA AND MANILA ASKING (A) THAT UNHCR HOPES THEY WILL ALLOW ANY SHIPS WHICH COME TO THEIR PORTS TO FIND SAFEHAVEN; (B) ALLOW UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES TO COME IN ORDER TO SCREEN REFUGEES FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT IF THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THEIR COUNTRIES. IN THE CASE OF AUSTRALIA, WE WOULD ESPECIALLY HOPE THEY WILL PROVIDE RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO ANY REFUGEES WHO ARRIVE ON THESE SHIPS.

4. FOR THOSE WHO COME TO GUAM, WE WILL WORK WITH UNHCR AND ICEM REPS TO DETERMINE WHICH REFUGEES COULD BE PLACED IN THIRD COUNTRIES AND WHO COULD BE PROCESSED INTO THE UNITED STATES.

5. ADVISE RESULTS OF APPROACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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